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Application No.: 10/827,528Docket No.: 200400478-2 (1509-500)REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-23 are pending in the application.

Claims 11-23 are rejected under 35 USC § 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory matter. In response, claims 11 and 21 have been amended and are believed to recite statutory subject matter and accordingly the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 USC § 112 as lacking antecedent basis. In response claim 7 has been amended and accordingly the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 1-9, 11-19, and 21-23 are rejected under 35 USC § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Fischer et al (US Publication No. 200/0014550 A1), in view of Larson (US Patent No. 4,729,096). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Fischer is commonly assigned to Hewlett-Packard Development Company, L.P. and thus is not available under 35 USC § 103(c) as prior art. 35 USC § 103(c) provides that "subject matter developed by another person, which qualifies as prior art only under one or more of subsections (e), (f) and (g) of section 102 of this title, shall not preclude patentability under this section where the subject matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person." Accordingly, the rejection should be withdrawn.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

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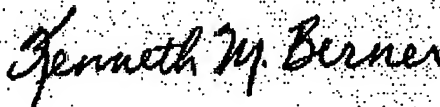
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All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application should be in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 08-2025 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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